

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 254165

73

ORIGIN ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /011 R

DRAFTED BY ARA-LA/PLC:JMARTIN
ARA-LA/PLC-RICHARD MELTON (APPROVED BY)

----- 021127

P 182310Z NOV 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 254165

PASS TO RICHARD J. BLOOMFIELD

FOLLOWING REPEAT BOGOTA 10142 ACTION SECSTATE INFO MEDELLIN
CALI DATED 16 NOV 74

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 10142

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR OAS CO

SUBJECT FONMIN LIEVANO COMMENTS ON QUITO CONFERENCE

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN RECENT STATEMENTS FONMIN LIEVANO
HAS ASSUMED A SOMEWHAT MORE EVEN TEMPERED POSITION WITH
REGARD TO THE OUTCOME OF THE QUITO CONFERENCE, THE
POSITION OF TH US AT QUITO AND THE OAS.HE INDICATED
NEW FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS MAY BE FORTHCOMING
SHORTLY. END SUMMARY.

1) LIEVANO IN A PRESS CONFERENCEON NOV 15
TERMED THE QUITO CONFERENCE A "NOTEWORTHY STEP AHEAD
IN ESTABLISHING BEFORE THE CONTINENT THAT THERE IS NO
SOLID BASIS FOR MAINTAINING SACTIONS AGAINST CUBA".
MAINTAINING THAT THE QUITO CONFERENCE WAS NOT A FAILURE
LIEVANO EXPLAINED THAT ONE O F THE MORE IMPORTANT
ASPECTS WHICH NEEDED TO BE CLARIFIED AND WHICH WAS
IN EFFECT CLARIFIED, WAS THE POSITION OF THE MAJORITY
OF THE COUNTRIES OF AMERICAN REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF CUBAN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 254165

SACNTIONS. UNTIL 3 OR 4 YEARS AGO IT WAS VERY EASY TO

OBTAIN A MAJORITY FOR THE SANCTIONS AND FURTHERMORE THESE MAJORITIES WERE OBTAINED WITH PROUD AND FRANK VOTES AGAINST RAISING THE SANCTIONS. IN THIS CONFERENCE THE PROFOUND CHANGE WITH RESPECT TO CUBA HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED. THERE WAS A MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF LIFTING THE SANCTIONS AND A NUMBER OF VOTES, NO LONGER PROUD AS ON OTHER OCCASIONS, THAT OPPOSED THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AND NOW DISGUISED AS VOTES OF ABSTENTION. I BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED AT THIS CONFERENCE THAT THE CLEAR MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICAN STATES DO NOT SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE OF SANCTIONS. THIS IS A SITUATION WHICH EVIDENTLY IS GOING TO HAVE LOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS".

2) ASKED IF COLOMBIA WILL RENEW UNILATERALLY ITS RELATIONS WITH CUBA, LIEVANO REPLIED "I CANNOT GIVE YOU CONCRETE OPINION ON THIS AT THE MOMENT. IT WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A DECISION BY THE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING STUDY OF THE MATTER. BUT AFTER BEING ONE OF THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH PROPOSED THE LIFTING OF THE SANCTIONS THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT NATURALLY HAS NO INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THIS SITUATION INDEFINITELY, WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE VERY IRREGULAR, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE CONFERENCE".

3) REGARDING WHETHER THE US WOULD TAKE REPRISALS OVER THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE, LIEVANO REPLIES EMPHATICALLY THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE SO, "FURTHERMORE", HE SAID, "THE CONDUCT OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION IN THIS CASE WAS PRUDENT AND I DOUBT THAT THEY ARE THINKING OF REPRISALS. OF COURSE I REGRET THAT THE POSITION OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WAS NOT MORE POSITIVE IN THE SENSE OF AWARENESS OF NEW REALITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THAT WITH ITS ABSTENTION A CERTAIN STAGNATION WAS SHOWN IN US POLICY REGARDING LATIN AMERICA, DIFFERENT FROM US POLICY TO OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD".

4) AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN RUMORED IN THE BOGOTA PRESS LIEVANO REPLIED THAT SUCH MEETINGS ARE A NORMAL PART OF COLOMBIAN FOREIGN RELATIONS BUT THAT HE HAD NOT SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THAT MATTER. "OF COURSE, WE MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH THE AMERICAN DELEGATION
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 254165

IN QUITO AND ALSO WITH THE EMBASSY BEFORE DEPARTING FOR QUITO. COLOMBIA IS CERTAINLY NOT IN A POSITION OF HOSTILITY REGARDING THE US GOVERNMENT AND WE MAY BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER IN MANY AREAS WITHIN THE GREATEST HARMONY.

5) THE FONMIN REPLIED TO A QUESTION ABOUT A POSSIBLE TRIP BY HIM TO HAVANA, THAT THE MATTER HAD FIRST TO BE STUDIED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WHEN A DECISION WAS

REACHED HE WOULD MAKE IT KNOWN.

6) ASKED WHETHER

THE OAS WAS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR, TO BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER ORGANIZATION, LIEVANO RESPONDED THAT THE VOTE WAS NOT AN OAS PROBLEM BUT ONE OF THE INTER AMERICAN MUTUAL ASSISTANCE TREATY, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF WHICH THE SACTIONS WERE LAID DOWN". LIEVANO WENT ON TO CRITICIZE THE VOTING FORMULA WHICH REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS.

7) IN ANOTHER STATEMENT FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ, LIECANO SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE QUITO CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT. WE ARE GOING TO STUDY AND WE ARE EXPECTING NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONTINENT BECAUSE DESPITE WHAT PEOPLE BELIEVE THINGS DID NOT END AS THEY APPEARED TO HAVE ENDED IN QUITO. THE EFFECTS WILL BEGIN TO BE SEEN AND IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WE WILL HAVE SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS TO MAKE OVER THE POLICY THAT WE ARE GOING TO ADOPT.

8) COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO HAS EVIDENTLY CALMED DOWN SOMEWHAT SINCE HIS RETURN FROM QUITO AND IS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN INTERPRETING THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE IN THE MOST FAVORABLE LIGHT. IT WOULD APPEAR INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT COLOMBIAN WILL CONTINUE ITS CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE OAS. ANY FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE NATURE OF COLOMBIAN/CUBAN RELATIONS WILL BE MADE BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ FOLLOWING A DISPASSIONATE ANALYSIS OF THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL FACTORS INVOLVED. END COMMENT.

WHITE

UNQUOTE
INGERSOLL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CollinP0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE254165
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: LA/PLC:JMARTIN
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740333-0503
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741133/aaaabbwy.tel
Line Count: 145
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CollinP0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 SEP 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <12 MAR 2003 by CollinP0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FONMIN LIEVANO COMMENTS ON QUITO CONFERENCE BEGIN SUMMARY: IN RECENT STATEMENTS FONMIN LIEVANO
TAGS: PFOR, CO, OAS, (LIEVANO)
To: SANTIAGO
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005